

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported six sundry measures.

House passed H.R. 3, Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2017–S2103*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 488–501, and S. Res. 50–55. **Pages S2070–71**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 51, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

S. Res. 52, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. Res. 53, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S2070**

#### Measures Passed:

**Committee Funding:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 54, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2001, through September 30, 2001, October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002, and October 1, 2002, through February 28, 2003, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2089–94**

**Honoring National Guard Victims:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 47, honoring the 21 members of the National Guard who were killed in the crash of a National Guard aircraft on March 3, 2001, in south-central Georgia. **Page S2101**

**Honoring National Guard Victims:** Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 22, honoring the 21 members of the National Guard who were killed in the crash of a National Guard aircraft on March 3, 2001, in south-central Georgia, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2101**

**Bankruptcy Reform:** Senate continued consideration of S. 420, to amend title 11, United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S2018**

#### Adopted:

Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 28, to increase the authorization of appropriations for low-income energy assistance, weatherization, and State energy emergency planning programs, to increase Federal energy efficiency by facilitating the use of pri-

vate-sector partnerships to prevent energy and water waste. **Pages S2038–44**

#### Rejected:

Durbin Amendment No. 17, to discourage certain predatory lending practices. (By 50 yeas to 49 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 18), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2018–31**

Kerry Amendment No. 26, to strike certain provisions relating to small businesses, and to provide for a study of the causes of small business bankruptcy and how Federal law regarding small business bankruptcy can be made more effective and efficient. (By 55 yeas to 41 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 19), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2032–35, S2050–52**

#### Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 25, to ensure that the bankruptcy code is not used to exacerbate the effects of certain illegal predatory lending practices. **Pages S2031–32, S2044–45**

Feinstein Amendment No. 27, to place a \$2,500 cap on any credit card issued to a minor, unless the minor submits an application with the signature of his parents or guardian indicating joint liability for debt or the minor submits financial information indicating an independent means or an ability to repay the debt that the card accrues. **Pages S2035–38**

Leahy Amendment No. 20, to resolve an ambiguity relating to the definition of current monthly income. **Pages S2045–46**

Conrad Modified Amendment No. 29, to establish an off-budget lockbox to strengthen Social Security and Medicare. **Pages S2047–48, S2049–50**

Sessions Amendment No. 32, to establish a procedure to safeguard the surpluses of the Social Security and medicare hospital insurance trust funds. **Pages S2048–49**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Amendment No. 29 and 32 (listed above) on Monday, March 12, 2001, and Tuesday, March 13, 2001, with votes to occur thereon beginning at 2:45 p.m. **Page S2052**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for any votes ordered today occur beginning at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 13, 2001. **Page S2052**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Michael P. Jackson, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Kenneth W. Dam, of Illinois, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Marc Isaiah Grossman, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), vice Thomas R. Pickering.

Richard Lee Armitage, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

Grant S. Green, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management).

William Howard Taft, IV, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy. **Page S2103**

**Executive Communications:** **Page S2070**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S2069**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S2069–70**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S2072–82**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2071–72**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2096–S2100**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2068–69**

**Authority for Committees:** **Page S2100**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—19) **Pages S2031, S2052**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 5:52 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, March 9, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2103.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded closed hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and Vice Adm. Thomas R. Wilson, USN, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

### PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee continued hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, after receiving testimony from Roderick R. Paige, Secretary of Education.

Hearings continue Wednesday, March 14, 2001.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 350, to amend

the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, and to enhance State response programs with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### PRESIDENT'S INCOME TAX PROPOSALS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee continued hearings to examine issues related to the President's income tax rate proposals, focusing on child tax credit, the marriage tax penalty, and the Alternative Minimum Tax, receiving testimony from Senator Hutchison; James R. White, Director, Tax Issues, General Accounting Office; Lawrence Zelenak, University of North Carolina Law School, Chapel Hill; and David T. Ellwood, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES AND BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to review foreign policy issues and related areas of the President's budget proposals, including embassy infrastructure improvements and various programs to help advance America's foreign policy interests overseas, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res.51) requesting \$4,380,936 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$7,771,451 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$3,323,832 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services:* Senators Cochran (Chairman), Stevens, Collins, Domenici, Gregg, Bennett, Akaka (Ranking Member), Levin, Torricelli, Cleland, Carper, and Carnahan.

*Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia:* Senators Voinovich (Chairman), Stevens, Collins, Domenici, Cochran, Durbin (Ranking Member), Akaka, Torricelli, Carper, and Carnahan.

*Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations:* Senators Collins (Chairman), Stevens, Voinovich, Domenici, Cochran, Gregg, Bennett, Levin (Ranking Member), Akaka, Durbin, Torricelli, Cleland, Carper, and Carnahan.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res.53) requesting \$4,230,605 for operating expenses for the

period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$7,507,831 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$3,212,052 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee approved for reporting an original resolution (S. Res.52) requesting \$ 1,022,752 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$1,814,368 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$776,028 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 37 public bills, H.R. 936–972; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 57–59, and H. Res. 85–86 were introduced. **Pages H825–27**

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Journal:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 7 by a ye and nay vote of 230 yeas to 180 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 34. **Pages H743, H745**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Hill motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 174 yeas to 241 noes, Roll No. 35. **Pages H745–46**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Sandlin motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 171 yeas to 251 noes, Roll No. 36. **Page H755**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Hill motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 160 yeas to 253 noes, Roll No. 41. **Pages H760–61**

**Economic Growth and Tax Relief:** The House passed H.R. 3, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates by a ye and nay vote of 230 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 45. **Pages H761–H809**

By a recorded vote of 204 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 44, the House rejected the Stenholm motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions not to report the bill back before April 15, 2001 (the date set forth in section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1972 as the date that Congress completes action on the concurrent resolution on the budget) unless Congress has completed action on the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002 before that date.

**Pages H807–08**

Pursuant to the rule, the Committee on Ways and Means amendment, now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 107–7), was considered as adopted.

Rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to create a new 12 percent tax rate, phased in through 2003, for the first \$20,000 of taxable income; increase the earned income tax credit; create a standard deduction for married couples equal to twice the standard available to single individuals; and provide marriage penalty relief in the earned income credit and the rate reductions by a ye and nay vote of 155 yeas to 273 nays, Roll No. 42. Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote on the Rangel amendment by a ye and nay vote of 228 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 43.

**Pages H793–H807**

The House agreed to H. Res. 83, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 220 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 39. Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 221 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 40.

**Pages H746–55, H755–60**

Earlier agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a recorded vote of 220 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 37. Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 38.

**Pages H758–59**

**Legislative Program:** Representative Portman discussed the legislative program for the week of March 12. **Page H809**

**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:** The House agreed to H. Res. 85, providing that on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Representative Pombo shall rank immediately after Representative Moran of Kansas.

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**Meeting Hour—Monday, March 12:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, March 12 at 2 p.m. **Page H810**

**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 13:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 12, it

adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13 for morning hour debate. **Page H810**

**Calendar Wednesday—Wednesday, March 14:** Agreed to dispense with the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule on Wednesday March 14. **Page H810**

**James Madison Commemoration Commission:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Goodlatte and Cantor to the James Madison Commemoration Commission. **Page H810**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea and nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H745, H746, H755, H758, H759, H759–60, H760, H761, H805–06, H806–07, H808, and H808–09. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Continued hearings to review the federal farm commodity programs with the barley growers. Testimony was heard from Daniel Wiltse, President, National Barley Growers Association.

Hearings continue March 14.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FDA. Testimony was heard from Bernard A. Schwetz, Acting Principal Deputy Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces, Korea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, U.S. Pacific Command, and Gen. Tommy A. Swartz, USA, U.S. Forces, Korea.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Tommy R. Franks, USA, U.S. Central Command, Department of Defense.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on National Parks Services (Natural Resources Initiative). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service; Michael A. Soukup, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science; and Don L. Neubacher, Supt., Point Reyes National Seashore.

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Quality of Life in the Military. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Tilley, USA; Master Chief Petty Officer James L. Herdt, USN; Sgt. Maj. Alford L. McMichael, USMC; and Chief Master Sgt. Frederick J. Finch, USAF.

## TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Inspector General, Department of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

## MEMBERS DAY

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Members Day. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gekas, Goodlatte, Allen, Underwood, Hoyer, Castle, Baird, Clement, Gonzalez, DeLauro, Pascrell, McGovern, Pelosi, Weldon of Pennsylvania and Meeks of New York.

## PERSPECTIVES ON THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on Perspectives on the Economic Outlook. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## RAISING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on "Measuring Success: Using Assessments and Accountability to Raise Student Achievement." Testimony was heard from Reid Lyon, Chief, Child Development and Behavior Branch, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark Musick, Chairman, National Assessment Governing Board; and public witnesses.

## EU DATA PROTECTION DIRECTION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled: "The EU Data Protection Directive: Implications for the U.S. Privacy Debate." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Technology and Education: A Review of Federal, State and Private Sector Programs." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 809, Antitrust Technical Corrections Act of 2001; S. 320, as amended, Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2001; H.R. 802, Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001; H.R. 741, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions; H.R. 860, Multidistrict, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act of 2001; and H.R. 861, to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code.

The Committee approved, as amended, Budget Views and Estimates on the Fiscal Year 2002 Budget for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

## CONSEQUENCES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 863, Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Anderegg, Presiding Judge, Family Division, Marquette County Circuit Court, Marquette, Michigan; James W. Payne, Judge, Juvenile Division, Marion Superior Court, Indianapolis Indiana; Steve Robinson, Executive Director, Youth Commission, State of Texas; and a public witness.

## NATIONAL FIRE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the National Fire Plan Implementation. Testimony was heard from Lyle Laverty, National Fire Plan Coordinator, Forest Service, USDA; Tim Hartzell, Director, Office of Wildland and Fire Coordination, Department of the Interior; and Judy Martz, Governor, State of Montana.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 107, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War; H.R. 400, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home National Historic Site; and H.R. 452, Ronald Reagan Memorial Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Delegate Norton; Richard G. Ring, Associate Director, Park Operations and Education, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Jimmy Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Installations), Department of Defense; Carolyn Brody, Member, Commission on Fine Arts; and public witnesses.

## COAST GUARD SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING; COAST GUARD BRIEFING

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Coast Guard Fiscal Year 2001 Supplemental Funding Needs. Testimony was heard from Adm. James M. Loy, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

Prior to this hearing, the Subcommittee received a briefing on the Coast Guard. The Subcommittee was briefed by Capt. Robert J. Papp, Jr., USCG, Chief, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

## Joint Meetings

### IMF/WORLD BANK REFORM

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of proposed reforms relating to International Monetary Fund financial structure and transparency, IMF interest subsidies, moral hazard, and effectiveness of IMF operations, and World Bank financing and effectiveness, and IMF programs in Argentina, Turkey, and certain other countries, after receiving testimony from Allan Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University/American Enterprise Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Charles Calomiris, Columbia University, New York, New York, and C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, and Adam Lerrick, both of Washington, D.C., all on behalf of the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission (IFIAC).

### VETERANS PROGRAMS

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Smith, III, Blinded Veterans Association, Frederick A. Taylor, Jr., Military Order of the Purple Heart, David W. Sommers, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Ronald Ziegler, Jewish War Veterans, and Joseph L. Fox, Sr., Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine the Bureau of Labor Statistics employment data in order to gauge the status of the February employment situation, as well as the latest consumer and producer price indexes with respect to the inflation outlook, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Friday, March 9

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Monday, March 12

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 420, Bankruptcy Reform. At 12 noon, Senate will be in a period of morning business.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Pro forma session.

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